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In order not to fall within the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act which requires OMB approval before any request for "identical info" is made to 10 or more people, statements seeking information can be phrased in an open-ended way so that the request to each person is therefore not one seeking "identical info". Here is an example:

"EPA is planning to return to Bridgeton on February xxx to talk with residents living near the West Lake Landfill. EPA will discuss the portion of the West Lake Landfill where radioactive wastes were buried. EPA would like any suggestions you may choose to provide regarding topics you are interested in discussing about that portion of the landfill and what type of forum or format would be most useful. If you have suggestions, please call 1-800-xxxx."

The first two sentences can be tweaked, but the last sentence should stay as is or very close to keep it open-ended.

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As a result of the meeting we held with Karl yesterday about the status of the West Lake Landfill, several issues came up about communicating with local groups, specifically Spanish Village and the trailer park. One recommendation made by Karl included OPA & EJ traveling to Bridgeton, MO next week and canvassing the local areas by going door to door and asking a set of questions about the following: meeting and communication preferences, concerns/questions about the site, and the best way of sharing of information in a meeting setting.

Another recommendation focused on the possibility of using electronic tools, i.e., web portal, chat rooms to provide immediate responses. And yet another recommendation entailed the mailing of a short survey to affected citizens of the two geographic areas to discern their preference for receiving information and seeking input on providing a series of smaller meetings to better interact with individuals in the near future.

Karim and I discussed the pros and cons of going door to door, and based on his recent experience (3-1/2 weeks ago, when he distributed fact sheets announcing the Jan. 17th public meeting), the following observations are made:

Pro - visibility in the community; first-hand information shared, and ability to potentially gather information at the time; and

Con - a majority of the people in the affected areas worked until 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. so it was dark when Karim arrived and many were not receptive to the contact, most of the responses shared with Karim were focused around the fire and the smell, the weather (rain or snow) could limit the ability to get to many doors.

Regarding the second recommendation of using electronic tools, it might be used in concert with other communication venues, i.e., continue to use the door to door & mailing options, but have an alternative for using the electronic means on a parallel track.

Regarding the third option of sending a short survey, several people mentioned a concern about the paperwork reduction act. Audrey is pursuing the legal requirements under that act to see if our intent meets the criteria or not. She will report back by first thing tomorrow.

After Audrey completes her research, I will send a notice to the entire team with the findings and seek our preference for next steps.

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